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PLURALITY OF RECORDING SURFACES AND INFORMATION  
RECORDING METHOD WHICH HANDLES A PLURALITY OF  
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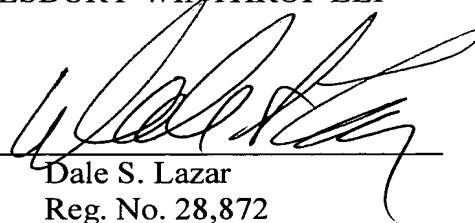
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